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VIA ECFS

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap Areas
Otelco Telecommunications LLC**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Otelco Telecommunications LLC ("Otelco") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ Otelco is a CLEC/affiliate of RLEC serving rural areas of Alabama, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

Blount County, Alabama CENSUS TRACT 1009050700

This experiment will provide broadband service to - the 220 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost Census Blocks within this Census Tract.

Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of up to 100 Mbps provided over fiber to the home technology.

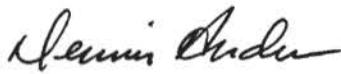
¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

Funding

Otelco estimates construction costs to be a total of \$922,500 based on knowledge of the area. The costs will be refined when the actual unserved census blocks are identified and when a formal proposal is submitted. Otelco requests \$922,500 in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding and will fund the ongoing expenses to operate the system.

Otelco appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Andrews", written in a cursive style.

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